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U.S. GOVERNMENT LINKS

Rule of Law

Democracy Dialogues: A Global Conversation About Democracy

Democracy and the Rule of Law – Podcast with Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor - How the judicial system is formed helps settle problems of public trust before they even start.



Democracy and Human Rights - Compiled by U.S. Embassy in Vienna

Rule of Law - *USAID*

Rule of Law in Iraq: Transitional Justice Under Occupation *DTIC*, 2004.

Office of Civilian Police and Rule of Law Programs / Fact Sheets - *U.S. Dept of State*

Law Day 2008: The Rule of Law in Established and Emerging Countries

Building the Rule of Law Abroad by Rachel Kleinfeld, Truman National Security Project, April 2004.

Law Matters: Why the Rule of Law? Reflections by Missouri Chief Justice Michael A. Wolff, October 2005.

AWARDS & PRIZES:

National Endowment for Democracy – 2008 Democracy Awards Remarks by U.S. Under Secretary of State Paula J. Dobriansky, June 17, 2008.

DEMOCRACY IN THE U.S.:

Core Documents of U.S. Democracy

The Constitution / The Declaration of Independence

The Center for Civic Education / Foundations of Democracy Series

Basic Readings in U.S. Democracy – Full text of 73 historical documents.

An Agenda for Strengthening our Nation's Democracy: Conf. Report and Policy Recommendations
Everyday Democracy, America Speaks, and Demos, November 2008. 22p.

PROMOTING DEMOCRACY

Democracy – *U.S. Dept of State*.

Democracy Around the World: Citizens With a Voice– *IIP, U.S. Dept of State*.

Democracy Dialogues – Free elections, elections monitoring, etc. – *IIP, U.S. Dept. of State*. Webchat.

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Is a League of Democracies a Good Idea? Summary by Thomas Carothers. *CEIP*, May 2008.

Democracy on the Wane: In Country after Country, Democratic Forms Are in Retreat

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

Supporting Human Rights and Democracy: The U.S. Record *U.S. Dept of State.*

United Nations Has Key Role in Promoting Democracy U.S. Dept. of State *IIP, U.S. Dept. of State.*

Promoting Democracy Through Diplomacy *U.S. House Int. Rels. Committee hearing, May 5, 2005.*

Democracy and Rule of Law Project – *CEIP.*

Comparative Democratization Project – *Stanford University*

Freedom House / Country Report 2008 – Iraq

Democracy Promotion as a World Value by Michael McFaul, *Washington Quarterly*, Winter 2004-5.

The Backlash Against Democracy Assistance Report, *National Endowment for Democracy*, for Senator Richard G. Lugar, chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, June 8, 2006.

Just Another Country? The United States and the Promotion of Human Rights and Democracy Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, May 22, 2008.

Advancing Freedom and Democracy Reports *U.S. Dept of State*, May 2008 (country reports).

Advancing the Freedom Agenda Fact sheet, *U.S. Dept of State*, July 24, 2008.

COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES:

Community in Action – *National Association*

Aiding Free Societies: Democracy Group Leads the Way. Op-ed by U.S. Under Secretary of State Paula J. Dobriansky, and the Portuguese and Lithuanian Ambassadors to the U.S. in *Washington Times*, September 15, 2008 (about the role of the Community of Democracies).

Democracies in a League of their Own? Lessons Learned from the Community of Democracies by Ted Piccone. *Brookings Institution*, October 2008.

ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY:

The Role of Civil Society in Building a Stronger, More Peaceful World Address by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton at Indonesian Civil Society Dinner, February 18, 2009.

ROLE OF NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS:

Non-Government Organizations Testimony by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Barry F. Lowenkron to U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, June 8, 2006.

Ten Guiding Principles on Non-Governmental Organizations *ICNL*, 2006.

Non-Governmental Organizations and Democracy Promotion: "Giving Voice to the People" A report to the Members of the *U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations*, December 22, 2006.

CONSTITUTIONALISM, RULE OF LAW:

Constitutionalism and Emerging Democracies. *IIP e-journal*, March 2004.

Developing Comparative Lessons for Democracy – *Center for Civil Education*.

Constitutionalism and Civil Society – *Princeton University*.

Rule of Law *U.S. Dept. of State*.

Democratic Constitution Making Special report, *U.S. Institute of Peace*, July 2003.

TRANSITIONS TO DEMOCRACY:

USAID Transition Initiatives

How Freedom is Won: From Civic Resistance to Durable Democracy *Freedom House*, May 2005. [examines 67 transitions from authoritarian rule since 1972].

SECURITY ISSUES:

Securing the Future: A Primer on Security Sector Reform in Conflict Countries by Sean McFate. *U.S. Institute of Peace*, September 2008. 20p. **Summary**

POLICING AND RULE-OF-LAW ASSISTANCE:

Office of Civilian Police and Rule of Law Programs / 2009 Fact Sheets

INTERNAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE:

Securing Tyrants or Fostering Reform? U.S. Internal Security Assistance to Repressive and Transitioning Regimes. *RAND*, 2006. Note: 233p.

UNITED NATIONS:

The United Nations and Democracy Promotion

The United Nations Democracy Fund

A U.N. Strengthened by and Strengthening Democracy Address by U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Mark P. Lagon to the *New America Foundation*, in Washington DC, September 25, 2006.

The U.N. Role in Promoting Democracy

ANTI-DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENTS:

The Public Eye (*Political Research Associates*) – studies anti-democratic movements.

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA:

Human Rights Watch: Middle East and North Africa - Human Rights Watch is the world's leading organization dedicated to protecting the human rights and dignity of people around the world, fighting discrimination and war crimes impartially, and advocating for justice.

Amnesty International, Middle East Portal - Amnesty International, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977, is an advocacy organization campaigning for "a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards." It produces regular and extensive reports on human rights abuses in the Middle East and North Africa.

Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy [Washington, D.C.]

Arab Political Systems: Baseline Information and Reforms - *CEIP*

In Support of Arab Democracy: Why and How by Madeleine Albright and Vin Weber, *Council on Foreign Relations*, June 2005.

Rebuilding Iraq: U.S. Assistance for the January 2005 Elections *GAO*, September 7, 2005.

U.S. Democracy Promotion Policy in the Middle East: The Islamist Dilemma *CRS*, June 15, 2006.

What Price Freedom? Assessing the Bush Administration's Freedom Agenda *Saban Center, Brookings Institution*, September 2006.

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Illusive Reform: Jordan's Stubborn Stability. Paper by Julie Choucair. *CEIP*, December 2006. 28p.

Time to Pursue Democracy in Egypt by Michele Dunne. *CEIP*, January 2007. 8p.

Upgrading Authoritarianism in the Arab World by Steven Heydemann. *Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution*, October 2007. 40p.

Incumbent Regimes and the "King's Dilemma" in the Arab World: Promise and Threat of Managed Reform by Marina Ottaway and Michele Dunne. *CEIP*, December 2007. 28p.

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Strengthening Governance: Ranking Countries Would Help by Robert I. Rotberg, *The Washington Quarterly*, Winter 2004-5

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Democracies Online – *Newswire*

Minnesota E-Democracy

Center for Democracy & Technology

Democratic Governance – *UNDP*

OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Civil Society International

Elected Governments, Undemocratic Policies, and Unrealized Economic Opportunities *Center for International Private Enterprise*, October 2004.

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Senior Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction

Operation Iraqi Freedom

US Embassy in Iraq: -Official source of statements, press releases, and other US government content.

State Department Background Notes - Iraq

AMERICA.GOV: Telling America's Story

Iraqi Jurists Plan for Return to Rule of Law by Judy Aita, May 19, 2003.

State Department's Civilian Police and Rule of Law Programs Fact Sheet, January, 2008.

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Blackwater Indictments Show America's Commitment to Rule of Law December 11, 2008.

Iraq Proves Fertile Ground for Rule of Law Programs *PRT News*, 18 March 2008.

Iraqi Provincial Vote a Significant Step Forward, Obama Says February 2, 2009.

President Obama Congratulates People of Iraq February 2, 2009.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE (CRS) LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

U.S. –Iraq Strategic Framework and Status of Forces Agreement by Matthew Weed, 11 July, 2008.

Peacekeeping and Related Stability Operations: Issues of Military Involvement by Nina Serafino, January 24, 2007.

Defense: FY2009 Authorization and Appropriations by Pat Towell et al. November 3, 2008.

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The Anbar Awakening: An Alliance of Incentives by John McCarty in *Washington Quarterly*, January 2009.

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Back from the Brink: A Strategy for Iraq by Marina Ottaway in *Policy Brief* No. 43, November 2005.

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Don't Rig the Iraqi Election by Marina Ottaway in *Washington Post*, November 8, 2004.

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Victory in Iraq vs. Order in Iraq by Arthur Helton. Op-ed, *Christian Science Monitor*, May 7, 2003.

Ideology, Experience and the Rule of Law in Developing Societies by Thomas Carothers Sept. 5, 2001.

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Promoting the Rule of Law Abroad: In Search of Knowledge Thomas Carothers' incisive, accessible essays offer vivid portrayals and penetrating analyses of the challenges that defines this vital but often misunderstood field.

Sources for Additional Research

Academic Info: Iraq Studies Gateway: Index of links to news, government, activist, and research sites.

Brookings Institution: Iraq: Daily updates, reports, and analyses from Brookings specialists.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace: Reconstructing Iraq: Sizable index of news articles, reports, documents, and analyses. Topics of special interest include "Weapons of Mass Destruction", "Reconstructing Iraq", and "Regime Change".

Council on Foreign Relations: Iraq: Features news articles, opinion pieces, introductory background and analysis, reports, documents, and related links.

Heritage Foundation: Iraq Research: Commentary and reports from prominent conservative policy organization.

International Crisis Group: Iraq: "The International Crisis Group (ICG) is an independent, non-profit, multinational organisation, with over 90 staff members on five continents, working through field-based analysis and high-level advocacy to prevent and resolve deadly conflict." ICG offers periodic reports and analyses on the situation in Iraq.

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MERIA Research Guide: Internet Resources on Post-Saddam Hussein Iraq: Lengthy, annotated guide to selected links. Published by the *Middle East Review of International Affairs.*

Middle East Institute: Iraq: Basic facts and figures, with links to additional resources and to *MEI* articles and analyses.

U.S. Institute of Peace Library: Iraq Web Links: Excellent topical list of Web links, covering government and politics, news resources, and selected reports and documents.

University of Michigan Documents Center: Iraq War Debate – 2002/2005: Comprehensive directory.

Note:

CEIP = Carnegie Institute of Peace

IIP = U.S. Dept of State, Office of International Information Programs

UNDP = United Nations Development Program

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